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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application for inventor(s):

Applicant claims Small Entity Status

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|             | Preliminary Amendment  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\square$   | An assignment of the invention to NIPPON PILLAR PACKING CO., LTD.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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